(b) if so, the details of the reforms proposed in the first phase,

(c) what are the reasons for not accepting India's views in the first phase of reforms;

(d) when is the second phase of reforms going to begin and the areas in which reforms are going to take place; and

(e) what elevance to IMF reforms have in the light of its losing importance in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The first stage consisted of a modest ad hoc increase in quotas for China, South Korea, Mexico and Turkey.

(c) Over 85 percent of the voting strength of the IMF voted in favour of the first stage.

(d) The second stage of reforms will begin when a majority of the IMF voting strength votes in favour of a new quota formula, and at least 85 percent of the current voting strength votes for an increase in the level of Basic Votes.

(e) The reforms are aimed at enhancing the legitimacy and relevance of IMF in view of changes in the relative economic strengths of countries since IMF was established.

Rate of Interest on Loans to Big companies

†1380. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that big companies of the country having a sales turn over to the tune of Rs. 1,000 crores or more annually are granted bank loans at the rate of interest from 2 to 3 per cent.

(b) if not, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the rates of interest fixed by the Public Sector Banks for purpose of advancing loans during the first half of the year 2006-07 and the details of rates of interest?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Package for farmers

†1381. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts for which a package worth Rs. 16978 crores has been given by Government for farmers;

(b) the loans taken by farmers of these districts from banks and loan amount out of the above repaid so far by Government;

(c) the amount provided so far to the affected farmers by Government and the basis thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that a large number of farmers have taken loans from money-lenders as well as from other sources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken by Government for payment of the said loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Government has approved a package to address the issue of farmers' distress which *inter alia*, has a component relating to agricultural credit, for mitigating the distress of farmers in 31 debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra.

Name of the State	Name of affected districts
Andhra Pradesh(16)	Prakasam, Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Ananthapur, Kurnool, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mohbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy, Warangal.
Karnataka(6)	Belgaum, Hassan, Chitradurga, Chimaglur, Kadogu, Shimoga.
Kerala(3)	Wayanad, Palakkad, Kasaragod.
Maharashtra(6)	Amravati, Wardha, Yavatmal, Akola, Washim and Buldhana

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